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Gold Country, Calaveras County California

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CALAVERAS COUNTY?

In the heart of California's Gold Rush Country, the Sierra Nevada Foothills between Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park.

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Lodging Information:

Angels Inn Motel, 600 North Main (Highway 49), Angels Camp CA 1-888-753-6758. Please call to make your own reservations, and be sure to state that you are part of the Thayer Families Association. Rooms vary from $95 to $200 per nightly stay.

Activities:

Wednesday, June 18, 2008: Arrival in Angels Camp, settling in, socializing, and reuniting.

Thursday, June 19, 2008: 7:00 AM Bus trip to Yosemite National Park, $40 per person. Return to Angels camp at 5:00 PM.

Friday, June 20, 2008: 11:00 AM arrival at Ironstone Vineyards. 11:15 to 12:15 PM Private Wine Tasting. 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM lunch. 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM private tour of entire Ironstone Facility. 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM TFA annual meeting. 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, TFA annual banquet.

Saturday, June 21, 2008: Farewell breakfast buffet 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at nearby Camp Greenhorn Creek Golf Club where the food is exceptional. Reservations are not required, but it runs about $13 + tax and tip. It's worth attending if your departure time permits.

Note: No single event is mandatory. Enjoy any one, or all, or any combination.

For further information or questions, please contact: Peggy Thayer-Krapf at 209-754-5400 or via email at: peg39ish@sbcglobal.net.

Please use the enclosed registration form to make your reservations today, see you all in Calaveras County next year!

Note: Registration form needs to be turned in as soon as possible.

Eau Claire's Oldest Resident Celebrates Hundredth Birthday

Nancy Vianna Thayer

Mrs. Nancy Vianna Thayer, Folsom St., this city, will celebrate her 101st birthday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hoskins, with whom she lives, by having about her, her immediate family, consisting of her daughters, Mrs. Hoskins, and Mrs. Myrtle Hayward, widow of Robert Hayward, 230 Niagara St., and her grandson Vernon Hayward of Minneapolis, son of Mrs. Hayward, who is coming to attend the gathering.

Mrs. Thayer is the oldest living person Eau Claire or Eau Claire County, but despite her remarkable age she is fully possessed of her mental faculties and takes a lively interest in current events, although during the past six months she has not been able to walk about to any extent, but remains either in bed or in a chair.

When she celebrated her 100th birthday a year ago she was up and around and was remarkably active and strong for one of her years. However, six months ago she lost some of her wonderful vitality and has not been active as was her wont up to a year or less ago.

Mrs. Thayer has been a resident of Eau Claire for 52 years, having come here with her four children after her husband died. Her two sons, who have passed away, lived for many years in Eau Claire.

She was born on September 24, 1822, in Courtland county, New York. Her maiden name was Reese. She was married to Horatio Thayer in the east and in 1862 they moved to Kenosha, Wis. In the late sixties the family moved to Missouri, where Mr. Thayer died. Mrs. Thayer and her four children - there were two sons also who are now dead - then moved to Eau Claire in 1870, where she and her two daughters have lived ever since.

The sons, William S. Thayer, who was the oldest, died at Minneapolis two years ago. Frank Thayer, the youngest, a railroad man, was killed in a rail accident at Hudson some years ago.

Mrs. Thayer has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hopkins, during the past several years.

Editor's note: Article was sent in by Richard M. Thayer, and is his great-great-grandmother. The article originally appeared in an Eau Claire newspaper in 1922, name of the paper is unknown.

Richard also provided the lineage of Nancy's husband: Horatio Gates[8], James Ellis[7], Ellis[6], Jeremiah[5], Ebenezer[4], Isaac[3], Ferdinando[2], Thomas[1] THAYER. The original article had Nancy's middle name as Vienna, but her birth certificate states it as Vianna, so that it is what is reflected in the article now.

Preparing for Reunion 2008

by Albert Thayer Morton

I knew that I was going to go to the Thayer Families Association's reunion in California in June. After all, the Westerners had been coming east for years. It was now time for us Easterners to reciprocate.

When I learned the dates, I called the motel in Angels Camp and made our reservations. --- But then I remembered that my wife wouldn't fly. Going through security at the airports is too much of a hassle for her, and she will simply NOT remove her shoes so I immediately began planning a cross-country driving trip.

I submitted my vacation request to my employer, and was amazed that they approved a three-week vacation, during the summer. I guess that's one of the very few benefits of getting older, and having 37 years of seniority. More than one week of vacation during the summer had always been verboten, and anything in excess of one week at a time any time of the year was strictly prohibited.

Then I began to think… Do I want to drive that many miles in three weeks? That's around 400 miles a day for six days, each way. I began to have serious misgivings about a driving trip.

During a phone conversation with our daughter Kathy, my wife Carolyn mentioned the problem. Kathy, always the problem solver, suggested: "Mom, why don't you guys take that cross-country train trip that you've always wanted to do?" I thought: *expletive deleted*, why hadn't I thought of that myself?

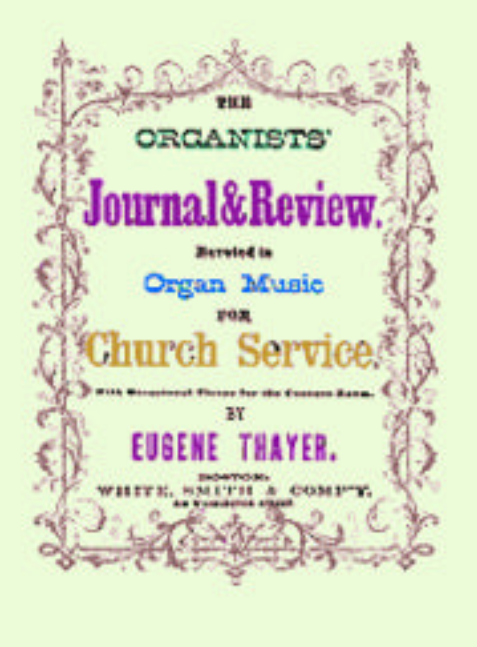
The next morning I called AAA and asked them if they could arrange to get us from Rochester NY to Sacramento CA on an Amtrak train, arrange for a car rental while there, and then get us back home. Within five minutes the AAA agent sent an email to me, giving me the train names, numbers, schedules, rates, and timetables, in addition to the car rental information and suggested reservations.

Somewhat sheepishly I called AAA and asked the agent to please make it happen. The next day I had the Amtrak reservations, as well as the Hertz reservations while in California. I also had reservations at the Holiday Inn Express in Sacramento for the nights of arrival and departure.

So now we have all the reservations necessary for the Thayer Families Association reunion. A way to get there and back, as well as places to stay while we're there, and a way to get around while we're there.

In the next issue of the Thayer Quarterly I'll tell you about a practice trip we took to learn Amtrak things. Believe me, it does take some learning.
I hope to see you in June.

Organists' Journal and Review 1874-1877, Edited by Eugene Thayer



American organist and composer Eugene Thayer (1838-1889) inaugurated in 1874 a quarterly newspaper designed specifically and exclusively for organists – the first such publication in America and thus the forerunner to such periodicals as *The Diapason*, *The American Organist*, and *The Tracker*. Each issue contains commentary, reports and stoplists of specific organs in the U. S. and abroad, historical accounts of organ culture, articles by Thayer and others, and 62 compositions for the organ by Thayer (28 pieces), Liszt, Rossini, Chadwick, Merkel, Guilmant, Lemmens, Hesse, Battmann, and many others. In 1877, Thayer published all of the issues as a set containing 242 pages, and a facsimile of that is what the Organ Historical Society has published anew, as a hardbound book with a very informative biographical and musicological, annotated, introduction by OHS member Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl as well as a list of Thayer's musical compositions, publications, and places of employment and education.

Editor's note: This article was sent in Richard M. Thayer. The article appears on the Organ Historical Society On-Line Catalog at http://www.ohscatalog.com/orjoandre18e.html and is a listing for this book that is on sale by them. For a complete listing of the literary contents of the book, please visit the URL given for further information.

The Thayer Family

By E. D. Clements, Providence, Rhode Island

Editor's note: This article first appeared in the Americana Illustrated, published by The American Historical Society, Inc. in 1926 and was discovered by Kate Kuzmich when she visited the Clayton Library in Houston, TX. She pulled a bound copy of the 1926 edition of the magazine and flipped through it, finding the article presented here. It was too fragile to copy on a Xerox machine at the library, so she had each page photographed using a digital camera by Alexandra, her talented 13-year-old daughter, and emailed the images to me, and I transcribed each image into Word to re-create this article. The article, originally 21 pages, is presented here in our newsletter in several parts due to its length. Thank you Kate for a great article, and Alexandra for the professional photos.

A few notes to keep in mind when reading this article here or in future issues of our newsletter:

1. This was written in 1926 and may not be accurate.
2. Words that could not be read will appear in [brackets]. Empty [ ] means the word was unreadable and any words within the brackets may not be correct.
3. Spelling is from the original document.
4. The document has been re-formatted slightly.
5. The coat-of-arms that appears at the beginning of this article is not that of our current family in the US or the United Kingdom, it is believed it is another Thayer family in the United Kingdom. To keep the article intact, it was decided to show the coat-of-arms that was originally believed to be that of the Thayer family of the US.

The family name Tayer, Thayer, Theyer, etc., according to evidence from English parish registers, is a variation of tawyer, a dresser of leather. Ralph le Tayere is on the Hundred Rolls of Wiltshire, A. D. 1273. The arms previously blazoned are those recorded by Matthews for families in this country. The Thayer coat-of-arms is as follows:

Arms - Per pale ermine and gules, three talbots' heads erased counterchanged.

Crest - A talbot's head erased or.

Motto - Foecundi calices.

(I) Thomas Thayer or Tayer was born in Gloucestershire in 1596, and became a shoemaker. He was in Boston, Massachusetts, before February 24, 1639-40, when land was granted to him at Mt. Wollaston, New Braintree, for "9 heads" in his family: and Richard, thought to be his younger brother, arrived in Braintree a widower with eight children. No coat-of-arms appear in any tablet or monument of the Thornbury Thayers; and Edward, of Thornbury Parish, was disclaimed at the Visitation of 1623 for bearing arms. Thomas Thayer, according to the Braintree records, "dyed 2d of 4th month, 1665"; new style June 2, 1665. His wife's death record is: "Margery Thayer dyed 11d 12 mo. 1672"; new style, February 11, 1673. Probably two daughters, among "D heads." Children born in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England:

1. Thomas, Jr., died August 9, 1663, aged above seventy. Wife Anna, probably married in England, and had eight children.

2. Ferdinando, of whom further. 3. Sidrach (Shadrach), died October 19, 1678. He married (first), January 1, 1654-55, Mary Barrett, married (second), Deliverance Priest. They had nine children.

(II) Ferdinando Thayer, son of Thomas and Margery (Wheeler) Thayer, was born in Thornbury, England, and died in Mendon, Massachusetts, March 28, 1713. He lived in Braintree after his father's death, when he removed, with a colony from Braintree and Weymouth, to Ni[ ], a new plantation, in 1662; the settlers returning to their native towns.

During King Philip's War Ni[ ] became the town of Mendon, 1667, now in Worcester County. Ferdinando Thayer was one of the largest proprietors of the new settlement. His homestead being a little south of the present center of town, he held many offices of honor in his town and commonwealth. He was a man of wealth in his day, and provided all his sons with farms, many of which are held by his descendants to this day, and have never changed titles for over two hundred years. He married on January 14, 1652-53, Huldah Hayward, of Braintree, who died at Mendon, Massachusetts, September 1, 1690. (See Hayward II.) Children, first five born in Braintree:

1. Sarah, born May 12, 1654; married, in 1676, Joseph Stevens; one daughter.
2. Huldah, born March 18, 1658-59; married, in 1675, Jacob Aldrich.
3. Jonathan, born March 18, 1658-59; married, in 1679, Elizabeth French.
4. David, born June 20, 1660, died August 1, 1674.
5. Naomi, born January 28, 1662-63.
6. Thomas, born in Mendon, died there May 1, 1738; married, in 1688, Mary Adams.
7. Samuel, born in Mendon, died there after 1710; married Mary -----.
8. Isaac, born in Mendon, died there after 1710; married (first) Mercy -----; (second) Mary -----.
9. Josiah, born in Mendon.
10. Ebenezer, born in Mendon.
11. Benjamin, of whom further.
12. David, baptized in Braintree, September 17, 1677, died August 29, 1678.

(III) Benjamin Thayer, son of Ferdinando and Huldah (Hayward) Thayer, born at Mendon, Massachusetts, and died on Mendon, in 1729. He married (first), September 15, 1699, Sarah Hayward, who died December 18, 1711. He married (second), 1712, Hannah Hayward. Children, born in Mendon, Massachusetts:

1. Rachel, born in the year 1700; married, December 15, 1720, Eleazer Taft.
2. Margaret, born December 17, 1701; married, December 15, 1720, Jonathan Wood.
3. Grace, born May 6, 1704; married, October 8, 1723, James Wood.
4. Sarah, born March 23, 1706; married, April 21, 1726, John Hayward.
5. Benjamin, born September 23, 1707, died February 23, 1708.
6. Lydia, born April 24, 1709; married, January 4, 1729, John Gage.

Children by second marriage:

7. Benjamin, born July 13, 1713, died July 7, 1739; married, in 1734 Silence Sumner.
8. Aaron, of whom further.

(IV) Aaron Thayer, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Hayward) Thayer, born at Mendon, Massachusetts, November 11, 1715, and died at Mendon, after 1775. He married, in 1738, Jemima Cook. Children, born in Mendon, Massachusetts:

1. Hannah, born March [12], 1739; married, in 1757, Pelatiah Thayer.
2. Elizabeth, born October 29, 1740; married, May 13, 1771, Wilder Keith.
3. Jemima, born September 14, 1742; married, in 1764, Timothy Adams.
4. Benjamin, of whom further.
5. Susannah, born April 23, 1746; married, in 1768, Ralph Hayward.
6. Rachel, born March 26, 1748; married, in 1768, Moses Thayer, Jr.
7. Joanna, born February 16, 1750; married, October 8, 1775, John Green White.
8. Urania, born August 12, 1752; married, May 27, 1771, Noah Bates.
9. E[ ], born May 19, 1754; married, April 29, 1773, Increase Daniels.
10. Lavina, born January 30, 1756, died May 19, 1758.
11. Aaron, born February 26, 1758; married, March 12, 1778, Rosina Legg.
12. Elijah, born August 12, 1700, died September 20, 1764. 13. Phoebe, born August 17, 1762.

(V) Benjamin Thayer, son of Aaron and Jemima (Cook) Thayer, was born in Mendon, April 16, 1744, and died in Mendon, Massachusetts, September 24, 1811. He was a member in the Third Company of the "minute-men" from Mendon in the "General Alarm" after the battle of Lexington, in 1775. He was one of the committee of sixteen men chosen to hire men for the town quota of soldiers to fill up the Continental Battalion. He served the town

as constable in 1784, and again in 1786. He married (first), October 19, 1767 (intentions published July 9, 1767), Sarah Bosworth, of Bellingham; (second), in December, 1793, Ruth Alden. Children, born in Mendon, by first marriage:

1. Elijahm born August 21, 1768.
2. Caleb, of whom further.
3. Philaty, born June 7, 1772.
4. Amos, born May 7, 1774.
5. Benjamin, born July 29, 1781.
6. Sarah, born August 5, 1783.
7. Zilpha, born May 28, 1785.

Children by second marriage:

8. Ruth, born October 19, 1794.
9. Cushman, born in 1795.
10. Alden, born December 27, 1796.
11. Jemima, born May 26, 1799.

(VI) Caleb Thayer, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Bosworth) Thayer, was born at Mendon, Massachusetts, January 31, 1771, and died there December 22, 1834. He was a farmer by occupation, and one of the selectmen of Mendon in 1813. In 1814 he was one of the committee appointed to consider the matter of making alterations in the boundaries of the school districts, and he was selectman in 1815. He was also chosen one of the committee to select the poor home farm in 1822. He married, April 7, 1791, Elizabeth Thayer, of Bellingham, Massachusetts. Children, born at Mendon, Massachusetts:

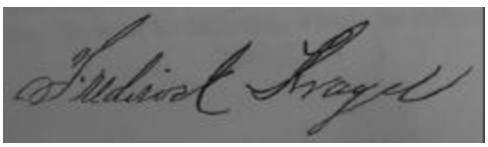
1. Patin, born September 3, 1792, died March 14, 1814.
2. Julia, born September 24, 1795; married, November 14, 1819, Willard Wilson.
3. Elizabeth, born March 18, 1798; married, September 30, 1854, Calvin Lyon.
4. Elias Ellis, born June 19, 1800, died September 9, 1831.
5. Caleb, Jr., of whom further.

(VII) Caleb Thayer, Jr., son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Thayer) Thayer, was born at Mendon, January 5, 1803, and died there in 1840. He was a farmer, and was elected a member of the State Legislature, where he continued in office for seven years. He lived in that part of Mendon made in 1845, Blackstone, Massachusetts. He married, May 20, 1827, Hannah Gaskill. (See Gaskill VIII.) Children, born at Mendon, Blackstone part:

1. Adin, born December 5, 1828, judge, and for many years active in political affairs in Massachusetts; married, in 1865, Caroline Hendricks.
2. Elias Ellis, born April 21, 1832, died February 7, 1840.
3. Elizabeth, born June 11, 1836; married, in 1866, Hon. Hiram Daniels. They had children: i. Carrie. ii. Hiram T.
4. Caleb Edmund, born September 3, 1841; a graduate of Brown University, 1865; married, April 3, 1866, Samantha Cook. Served three months from Rhode Island in the Civil Was; died August 28, 1868. Hon. Frederick, of whom further.

(VIII) Hon. Frederick Thayer, son of Caleb, Jr., and Hannah (Gaskill) Thayer, was born in the Chestnut Hill district of Blackstone, Massachusetts, December 23, 1843, and died in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, February 22, 1924.

Frederick Thayer (1843-1924)



Frederick Thayer's signature

His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and he later attended Wilbraham Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, also Greenwich Academy, in Greenwich, Rhode Island. For several years he taught school in Blackstone and Apponaug, and for a time was active in the wood and lumber business with his brother, Caleb Edmund, who was a member of the firm Thayer & Taft, of Worcester. Upon the death of his brother, Mr. Thayer succeeded to his interest in the business, and the firm was soon dissolved. Thereafter, Frederick Thayer identified himself with the production woolen textiles. He went to Millville, where he became the owner of a small shoddy mill. A concern backed by capitalists of Worcester had purchased a mill and water privileges in Millville, Massachusetts, a property that had formerly been owned by A. T. Stewart, the famous pioneer of the department in New York City. The Worcester group failed, and Mr. Thayer purchased the interests of the group, thus becoming the sole owner of the business and the property privileges. This enterprise he successfully conducted for twelve years and then became owner of a water privilege in the section of the town of Oxford, Massachusetts, which is known as Texas. A village already stood about this water power, which formed an unusually fine site for an industrial plant of his character. In the summer of 1885 Mr. Thayer built his first mill, a substantial structure accommodating forty-four looms, which provided employment for some sixty hands. The venture was so successful that the growth of the business during the first year warranted the addition of twenty looms, for which a small structure was erected on adjacent property. In this practical, judicious manner Frederick Thayer went forward developing his interest step by step and the enterprise now operating under the firm name of Fred Thayer & Company.

In April, 1893, the interest was incorporated under the title of the Thayer Woolen Company. Lawrence P. Kilty, who had been manager for five years, and Allen I. Taft, who had served as chief bookkeeper, then became associated with Mr. Thayer in the business as executives of the corporation. In 1898 Mr. Taft retired, and in 1906 the concern was more or less definitely re-organized. Meanwhile, soon after the incorporation of the concern, the increasing demand for Thayer woolens made further expansion virtually necessary. The concern bought outright the factory and tenant homes forming the village of Rhodes Mills, in North Oxford. This concern had specialized in the production of cotton warp, but the Thayer company disposed of all existing equipment, installing a modern plant of thirty-four looms for the manufacture of the woolen fabrics. They also added a shoddy plant, setting up six pickers.

The policy of expansion so early organized by the fearless man at the head of the enterprise, was maintained through the years, and by 1906 further enlargement of the plant became necessary. A fine brick structure of three stories and basement, 100x62 feet in ground dimensions, was erected. This permitted the installation of sixty-six new looms, besides relieving the congestion in other parts of the plant. Two hundred and twelve looms were thus placed in operation, requiring nearly three hundred employees. Additional equipment and buildings and modernization of the early structure have provided for the increased demands of the continued growth of the business, and at the present time (1925) the concern is one of the best known of its kind in the state.

In 1921 Mr. Thayer's retirement from the textile business closed nominally one of the most definitely constructive and eminently commendable careers of an industry which has become one of the most in New England. Mr. Thayer maintained his keen interest in the business, however, until the last, and on many occasions his old associates turned to him for advice and counsel, which was freely given and gratefully received. He was considered a pioneer in the woolen industry in Massachusetts, his history of activity in this branch having covered a period of more than half a century. Other business interests also claimed a share of Mr. Thayer's attention. He served as president of the Worcester & Southbridge Railway Company, and vice-president of the Worcester & Webster Street Railway; also a charter member of the Manufacturers' Textile Association, serving this organization as its vice-president.

It was only natural, perhaps, that to a man of such interests and such clearly demonstrated ability the people should turn for his endeavors of a public nature. Mr. Thayer was still a young man when he was brought forward as a candidate for representative to the Legislature of the State of

Massachusetts, and he served in the legislative capacity during the years 1879 and 1880, distinguishing himself in the legislative body and reflecting honor upon his constituency as well as his own name. His wide interest in the general welfare led him to do much for the village of North Oxford, of which he was a long resident, retaining his country come there even after establishing his town house in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. One of the finest school buildings in this part of Worcester County stands in North Oxford as a monument to his memory, bearing his name. Toward the project of this school he gave generously from its inception, and it was he who fitted the grove and playground for the benefit of the children of the village. It was said of Mr. Thayer that "he was loved by all whose privilege it was to know him. His kindly spirit and interest in humanity were felt by all who came in contact with him." He was a great lover of excellent literature, and collected a library of many volumes, his chief delight during the leisure time having been his enjoyment of his home and books. He was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, which he served as vestryman, and throughout his life maintained his deep and beneficial interest in the organization of the church.

Mr. Thayer had reached an age when the sunset of life is imminent and friends recognized certainty of approaching separation, yet so brilliantly had he lived and achieved, so fully had he discharged the duties and borne the responsibilities of his life, that to all of his many friends and acquaintances his still alert attitude of mind and heart kept him among them as a far younger man. His interest in those about him formed a vital factor in his life, for no matter what phase of human progress brought to him its appeal his heart was always open to the needs of the others. From his distinguished service in the legislative halls of the State to his daily thought for the humblest child who crossed his path, this constant interest in his fellow beings was one of the most lovable characteristics of this highly esteemed and greatly loved personality. In his achievements he was great, but in his service to humankind he was greater.

Caroline (Carrie) D. (Green) Thayer

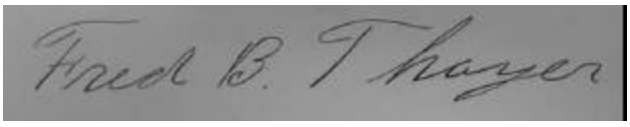
Carrie's signature

Hon. Frederick Thayer married (first), July 10, 1873, Adelia L. Greene, daughter of Francis Atwood, Jr., and Julia F. (Pike) Greene. She died June 13, 1884, and in 1885, Mr. Thayer married (second) Caroline (Carrie) D. Green (sister of his first wife), by whom he is survived. (See Greene VIII.) Children by first marriage:

1. Cora E., who married George W. Norwood.
2. Earl F., who married Rose F. Ochme, and resides in Worcester, Massachusetts.
3. Florence J., who married Charles A. Barton; died 1910.

Children by second marriage:

4. Frederick B., of Grafton, Massachusetts; married Jane Sherman.



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Frederick B. Thayer

5. Raymond, who died on 1890.
6. Esmond Greene, who died in 1910.

Esmond Greene Thayer

John Carter Thayer

7. Walton E., of Worcester, Massachusetts, who died in 1918; he married Nettie W. Carter, and they had born to them one child: John Carter Thayer.

Computer Corner

by Rodney Lee Thayer

At my business in Thailand, I not only design websites for clients, I also setup and configure e-commerce (store fronts where viewers can purchase items online) sites as well, this is in addition to talking to clients about web-based email, which I setup for them too. Plus I get asked a lot of questions regarding email, viruses, and how to keep a computer running smoothly. All of this is done in addition to maintaining all the computer workstations (16) in my Internet café, and kids can be really creative with what they try to do to a computer. In my café, I have seen kids turn the image on a computer screen upside down, downloading illegal software, and trying to install software, just to name a few.

I think I can give some great information here in this newsletter and help the family with their computers. I will try to cover, over the course of several issues: web-based email, anti-virus, spyware,

backups, and other items, with experiences from me on each item described. These are mainly tips on programs.

If you want specific information or have a question, feel free to email me and I will try and help you out, directly or in an article.

Web-based email will be my first topic in this series. Most people use email daily, it is a great way to get in touch with one person, or many at one time.

An email program can reside on your computer, when you go online, the program downloads the email to your computer, allowing you to go offline, reply to emails at your leisure, then next time you go online, the email program will send all the email.

Another popular email configuration is web-based email. This is where you go to a website, such as hotmail or yahoo mail, and after logging in, you can read and reply to your emails, or download attachments.

Some email programs that reside on your computer allow you to view, or download, web-based email to your computer.

The web-based email I use is called Gmail. It is a popular web-based online email program that is gaining more and more popularity with its increased features. Google, the popular search engine hosts Gmail.

The primary advantage of using online, or web-based, email is due to the fact that you can access your email anywhere there is a computer with an Internet connection, without having to bring your laptop computer with you, and for those of you without laptops, it is nearly impossible to take your desktop computer with you.

Gmail is easy to use and has powerful yet simple features, such as the way it stores email. In other web-based, as well as email programs on your computer, when you read an email and reply, that email ends up in the "Sent" folder, and when the person replies back you your response, it is shown as another email in your "inbox." If the person replying to you does not include your original message, you have to look in the "Sent" folder for it, if it was not already deleted. With Gmail, all the emails are kept together, so you can email to a person, get a reply to the same email, send another reply yourself, and get another response, and all there is in the "inbox" is 1 email. You can open that email and see the entire conversation.

Another great feature of Gmail is the size of the inbox, right now it is just over 6 gigabytes, ample room for anyone using email.

Why do I use Gmail? With my travels in Asia, I needed web-based email as I do not take my laptop with me to any countries around Thailand, too difficult to do. With its large storage capacity, I keep all my client emails together in folders, again, so if I am away from Thailand and a client calls about their site or an email they sent, I can easily find an Internet café and have all their conversations with me.

Viruses. Everyone has heard of these, computer programs that "infect" your computer and cause harm to the files. Viruses are real and are not going away, and can cause serious harm to your files stored on your computer. I will have another feature on anti-virus software (the computer software designed to catch and prevent viruses from running on your computer in another issue).

In regards to viruses and email, most are transmitted by those annoying emails you get, called "spam." The number one way to keep from getting a virus from your email is to **DELETE** email from people you do not know. And when you get an email that you're not quite sure if it is someone you know, and there are attachments to the email (attachments are downloadable files contained with the email) **DO NOT DOWNLOAD** the files to your computer until you know it is a known person to you, and your anti-virus can scan incoming files.

The reason you delete email from unknown people is spam email can contain a script that is the virus. When the email is view or opened, the script can install and bad things happen after that. By simply deleting the email, you are avoiding the possible harmful virus.

Gmail has an excellent spam catcher, where all those annoying emails go, you can view the folder to see the subject lines and who the emails are from, and again, if they are not known to you, you can delete the lot of them with one keystroke.

Overall, email is a great tool to use, saving you postage, and allowing you to correspond with people all over the world very quickly. Remember the tip about people you don't know and delete those emails and you'll enjoy email that much safer. For information on Gmail, visit www.gmail.com to review its features.

Thayer Families Association Reunion & Annual Meeting 2008, June 18, 19, 20, 2008 Gold Country, Calaveras County, California

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United States Military Academy
2006 West Point Thayer Award Ceremonies
West Point, New York
September 21, 2006

Remarks By Thomas J. Brokaw

"Humility is not a virtue that is easily associated with someone in my line of work but I am truly humbled by this honor. All of my visits to the Academy have been occasions for a renewed sense of pride as a citizen and a deep, abiding appreciation for the young men and women who form this Long Gray Line, giving over their lives to the cadences of duty, honor, country.

"It was enough to know that I was simply welcome here but now to have my name associated with the founder of this historic and hallowed place, well, it is a hoo-hah moment I shall carry with me forever.

"It is all the meaningful because I am in the company of my superiors – my family and friends who are here, especially those who preceded your time at the Academy. They have treated this civilian and journalist with patience, wisdom and, most of all, friendship.

"In turn, I cherish their friendship and I treasure their counsel. I am also grateful that they have resisted pointing out that the only way I could get into West Point is with a car and driver.

"This honor I accept in the name of other warriors and their families in another time. What I call The Greatest Generation, the men and women who came of age in the Great Depression when everyday life was about deprivation and common sacrifice. Just as the dark clouds of that struggle began to lift, this generation was called to battle at home and abroad in the greatest war ever fought.

"They did not hesitate to go thousands of miles across the Atlantic and thousands of miles across the Pacific, to take to the high seas – and the skies above – to defeat the maniacal forces of facism and imperialism. They were bound to those they left behind by a common commitment and common effort – as men and women at home went without so those on the front lines would have what they needed.

"New weapons and new strategies were produced on the run.

"Farmers grew more and ate less; in town neighbors shared victory gardens – and rationed gasoline, meat and sugar; women put on overalls and picked up welding torches – and everyone felt the loss when the casualty reports came in.

"It wasn't a perfect time. Japanese-American citizens were sent to internment camps and black Americans were subjected to the worst kind of racism. And how did they respond? They fought their way onto the front lines and performed heroically, more than claiming their place in the greatness of their generation.

"When they all came home it would have been easy for them to say, "I've done my share. I will now lay down my weapons and worry only about me." Who would have blamed them?

"Instead, they went to college in record numbers, married in record numbers, gave us new industry, new medicine, new art – and they expanded the freedoms of those left behind too long.

"They returned to their home states or took up residence in new ones and plunged into the public arena as school board members, governors, senators, representatives – and presidents.

"They also – for the first time in the history of warfare - gave the countries they conquered a fresh start by re-building their economies and, in the case of Japan, giving the Japanese a constitution and democracy.

"The Greatest Generation were in every sense of the phrase, men and women alike, in uniform and out, citizen-warriors.

"In their own way, they were part of your Long Gray Line – and you, in your own way, are an extension of their greatness.

"You will leave here the best trained warriors mankind has known, but I trust you will not forego your sensibilities and your obligations as citizens.

"I fervently hope that throughout your career you will find ways to stay connected to those not privileged to wear the uniform of their country – just as they must work much more diligently to stay connected to you and your families.

"Too many of your fellow citizens are physically, emotionally, and even intellectually removed from the realities of life and death experienced by those of

your generation who have volunteered to protect this nation in military uniform.

"We are in a war against a tenacious and suicidal enemy, resourceful and full of a misguided rage in the name of their faith. It is complex, confusing, and controversial, very controversial.

"It requires the full attention and personal commitment of all of us, in uniform and out. We must find new ways of dealing with the rage in the Islamic world– and we must find new ways of finding common ground at home.

"This war cannot be won on the military battlefield alone. There is no state to summon to the peace table in Paris or on to the deck of the USS Missouri.

"We're all in the army now and this army has many faces.

"And as you go from here to your first commission and your new responsibilities you'll encounter the American press in all of its modern forms, men and women, print and electronic.

"They don't salute and they seldom say "Sir," but they perform an essential role in a democracy during peace and war.

"They will not always see the world exactly as you do, but it is my experience that you will learn from each other and that on the battlefield you will have a bond that may surprise you because – and this is sometimes hard for my friends in the military to accept – warriors and journalists come from the same gene pool.

"They like to catch the bad guys. They live unconventional lives. When necessary they, too, can live off the land with their boots on the ground and spend their nights in scary places. They deal in facts – and, yet they, too, experience the fog of war in their own profession.

"And they are patriots, stewards of a fundamental right of free people: a free press, however imperfect it may be on some occasions.

"In this war, to a greater degree than any other in American history, warriors and journalists have another bond: death and wounds.

"Bob Woodruff of ABC News, Kim Dozier of CBS, and Michael Weiskopf of TIME magazine were all grievously wounded attempting to tell your story. Weiskopf has eloquently described his perilous passage from writer to war casualty, his treatment at Walter Reed, and his insights into and admiration for his fellow ward mates. Michael's book is tellingly called BLOOD BROTHERS.

"More journalists working for American organizations have died in this war than in any other. Michael Kelly of The Atlantic and David Bloom of NBC News were lost in the early combat rounds. Since then 78 – 20 this year alone - journalists working for American organizations, most of them foreign nationals, have been killed or died in carrying out their duties.

"In war and peace and in uniform and out, in our differences and in our similarities, we're all privileged to be American citizens and to be stewards of the rule of law and democratic principles that remain the envy of the world.

"Finally, let me offer a unique piece of military advice based on a little noticed historic fact.

"In 1873 General George Armstrong Custer, a flamboyant graduate of this institution, de camped for the northern plains, and established a summer camp in my hometown of Yankton, S.D.

"There is a large billboard on the edge of town now, announcing that with an outsized caricature of Custer saying, "Shore wish I'd stayed."

"There he was taken with an Italian immigrant who was the community's band master. He persuaded the bandmaster to join the 7th Cav and ride off with him.

"The bandmaster agreed, but fortunately he stopped short of Little Big Horn. Nonetheless, he stayed in the 7th for a number of years before returning to Yankton to establish a successful plumbing business.

"His name Felix Vinatierie and 100 years after Custer's stop in Yankton, his great, great grandson was born in the same community.

"The grandson won a place at West Point but decided not to stay,

"His name was Adam – and in 2002 he was wearing a uniform but it wasn't the 7th Cav. He was a New England Patriot – and in New Orleans he kicked the winning field goal to win the Super Bowl for his team, the first of three Super Bowls he won.

"He has gone on to become the greatest clutch kicker in the history of the NFL.

"So choose your bandmasters with care. A Super Bowl may be at stake.

"Finally, I salute each and everyone of you. I will spend every day striving to measure up to the honor you have accorded me.

"And I, too, shall be guided by duty, honor, country."

A New Publisher For Thayer Families Association

by Judith L. Young-Thayer, TFA-Treasurer

A number of years ago, TFA lost our west coast editor and publisher. Printing ***The Thayer Quarterly Newsletter*** became a problem, as an interim press was not satisfactory. The search was on for a press, which would publish a quality publication. In Hampton, VA, I "let my fingers do the walking," and nearby found the firm, Affordable Business Printing. I contacted them and they agreed to publish the TQ. For several years ABP printers Tammy and Jim Wright and their associates, have produced lovely crisp text, pictures and graphics. The TQ is again a top of the line family newsletter. A BIG TFA thank you to Affordable Business Publishing! TFA looks forward to more successful years of association with ABP.

Ramblings of a Feverish President

My household has succumbed to the frenzy of holiday preparation. Despite my intentions, and deliberate actions, it appears nothing can stop the juggernaut of expectations and excitement.

My calendar has become a patchwork of appointments, celebrations, and performances. I consult it more often, and fret over the lack of blank space that represents "down time" with my family. Then illness intrudes, and time spent in bed allows clarity of thought to return.

We are traveling this Christmas, to an unexplored destination, a grown daughter's new home. Another daughter will travel to join us. I reminisce amidst the rumpled bedding of the many frantic, and antic, events that occurred as they grew from children to adults.

We have pictures that provide proof of the "you wouldn't have believed it" moments. The great freeze of 1989 that had my husband falling through the kitchen ceiling, no one was hurt. The explosion of my brother's fireplace doors spewing shards of glass across the room; but we were getting ready for church, so no one was hurt. The year of the great tobogganing event, no one was hurt despite great efforts to the contrary. The year I had my knees rebuilt in time for Christmas, I hurt. The bungee-cord angel, the dog that ate three entire nut rolls (and survived), the turkey that wouldn't fit in the oven… We all have memories that make us laugh, or sometimes cry.

While I don't recommend illness as the catalyst to reflect on the joys of the season, it worked for me. I hope you'll find a stretch of time to do the same.

Kate Welton Kuzmich
President, Thayer Families Association

Membership Report

The following is a membership report as of 8 December 2007. We presently have:

- 291 members
- 162 are paid for 2008
- 59 have family memberships
- 9 complimentary memberships

I want to thank all those who responded to our letters this fall. We were thrilled at the response from those who had become delinquent and brought their membership back to active. We also thank those who renewed.

However, as you can see by the numbers, 129 members have as of yet responded with 2008 dues. Just a reminder that these dues are due by December 31st. If you have not renewed, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Again, thank you to those who have renewed and I look forward to hearing from the rest of you soon.

Sincerely,
Russ Thayer
Membership Chairperson TFA

From the Editor…

As we wind down 2007, I want to thank everyone who has contributed articles to the Thayer Quarterly. With the reunion coming up in June 2008, in California, it looks like the TFA will set more milestones in the upcoming year.

In our next issue, look for the follow on article to "The Thayer Family," that appeared in this issue. This article will have more genealogies of the persons married into the Thayer family. Also in the next issue, as well as several more issues, will be my column on basic computer information. These articles will be written with the intent to help the family with their computers.

There are lots of stories and information out there, please take the time to gather this information and send it in, to ultimately share it with the family. Not sure what to write, do a search on the Internet for "Thayer," you'll be surprised what will come up. I have several items I am researching further and hope to make into articles for future issues.

A good starting point is family vacations; let the family know where you went, how you got there, and what you experienced while you were there. Some people have done this in the past, and if we can get more of these in, it can be a regular feature in your newsletter.

Remember, this is your newsletter and your family association, please take the time to contribute in some way; write or suggest an article, participate in one of the various boards the association has, suggest a fund raising event, or even host a reunion. Everything helps. Not sure of something you can do, write the President, or any board member, and everyone will write you back, with answers you your questions.

For the entire Thayer Families Association Board, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Articles Needed!

Articles are always welcome, and needed in order to maintain your newsletter. Please consider sharing a Thayer related family with the rest of your family. Submit completed stories to the Editor at the address listed on the back of this newsletter or email them. Feeling timid? Just send the information and I will write the article for you. *Editor*

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